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Letter dated 6 September 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with instructions received from the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, I have the honour to inform you that over the past few days the official websites of some Government institutions and news agencies in Azerbaijan were subjected to attack by a group of hackers calling themselves "the Armenian Cyber Army".

The scale of the attack, its declared purpose and the considerable increase in the number of hostile and intimidating statements by the leadership of the Republic of Armenia in recent days leave no doubt as to the intentional nature of this act of cyberterrorism, which has been sanctioned by this Member State's relevant Government entities and carried out under their direction and control.

It is clear that the primary purpose of the cyberattack against Government and media online resources in Azerbaijan was to prevent them from delivering objective and timely information to the public. At the same time, the methods used to carry out this act will definitely be regarded as among the most outrageous instances of the expression of ideas aimed at glorifying terrorists and insulting their victims, as well as at advocating, promoting and inciting ethnically and religiously motivated hatred, discrimination and violence.

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Azerbaijan strongly protests against this unlawful and provocative act, which is unjustifiable under any circumstances and which entails legal responsibility on the part of its perpetrators, their accomplices and accessories.

It is obvious that the resort by Armenia to means of cyberwarfare should be considered in the context of its continuing aggression against Azerbaijan and attempts to achieve the colonization and annexation of the latter's occupied Daghlyq Garabagh (Nagorno Karabakh) region at any cost. This irresponsible behaviour of Armenia runs counter to its commitments under international law and the conflict settlement process, and serves only to further delay the prospect of peace, deepen mistrust and increase tensions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 35, 39, 67, 83 and 109, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Tofig **Musayev**
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